

1 **10A NCAC 27I .0607 is proposed for adoption as follows:**

2 **10A NCAC 27I .0607 PANEL HEARING PROCEDURES**

3 (a) The chairperson of the panel:

4 (1) shall convene the hearing at the prearranged time and place;

5 (2) may afford the opportunity for rebuttal and summary comments to either of the presenting parties; and

6 (3) shall conduct proceedings in an orderly manner.

7 (b) The panel:

8 (1) may limit the total number of persons presenting for the client and area authority or county program;

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10 (2) may impose time limits for presentations.

11 (c) Either party may be represented by a person or attorney of their choice.

12 (d) Prior to the hearing, the client and the area authority or county program shall:

13 (1) specify by name and position all individuals who will be present for the hearing;

14 (2) provide the panel with requested information; and

15 (3) when applicable, ensure that representatives of the parties shall be present at the hearing.

16 (e) Any member of the panel may address questions to either party.

17 (f) The panel may obtain any form of technical assistance or consultation relevant to the appeal.

18 (g) No transcript shall be made and no party shall be allowed to record the proceeding. The panel may choose to

19 record the proceeding for its own use. A tape so made shall be destroyed after the panel issues its decision.

20 (h) Witnesses shall not be sworn before testifying.

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22 *Authority G.S. 143B-147;*

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